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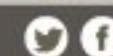
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Talal Khalaf is a Syrian refugee now living in Halifax.

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Family matters

COMMUNITY

Reuniting Syrian couple, daughters



Yvette d'Entremont
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Talal Khalaf is all smiles as he recites the names of all those rallying to help him reunite his family.

Last January, Khalaf, his wife Fayrouz and eight of their 10 children moved to Halifax.

The government-sponsored refugee family spent four years in a Jordanian refugee camp after fleeing their home in Syria.

When they finally left the camp bound for Canada, their two oldest daughters, Noor and Rabiya, had to stay behind.

Both are over 18 and each was married with two children.

Upon his arrival last winter, Khalaf quickly made a friend in Betty Cogle, a parent at Chebucto Heights Elementary School in Cowie Hill where his children were new students.

Through an Arabic interpreter

he told her his story and asked her to help him bring the rest of his family to Canada.

Cogle recalls the emotion of later trying to type out his story with the help of an interpreter.

"I looked at Talal at one point and he just had tears running down his eyes and it was so moving as he was talking about the poverty that they had been in," Cogle recalled.

"I turned around and I hugged him and said, 'I'm going to help you.' I was so incredibly moved. I'm a mom of two daughters and it was just so powerful to me to think about making that choice. For the sake of the younger children, we have to leave the older ones in this extreme poverty."

Research and many phone calls eventually led Cogle to John Hennigar-Shuh with St. James United Church in Sambro. The Khalaf family was invited to the church where they shared their story.

The church and members of the larger Sambro-area community have since rallied around the Khalaf family and become their support network.

"One of the guys in our group said he'd concentrate on getting (Talal) a job as a mechanic because

he had taught mechanics in high school in Syria," Hennigar-Shuh said. "The first place that he went was Michael Kennedy's Petro-Canada on Quinpool Road and Michael said, 'Yes. I'll hire him.'"

Since the end of November, they've raised \$40,000 of the \$54,000 needed to bring both Khalaf's daughters and their families to Canada.

This Sunday, Denis Ryan and Tony Quinn are headlining a benefit concert for the family. They're bringing their Celtic sound along with several musical guests.

"Denis Ryan was moved by the same thing that was making me cry and affecting everybody," Hennigar-Shuh said.

"I am very happy. Fayrouz is very, very happy," Khalaf said with a smile when asked about the support they've received.

WHEN TO GO

The Sunday concert at St. James United Church, 3811 Old Sambro Rd., begins at 6:30 p.m. with a snow date of Tuesday. Get tickets at the door.



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S77641	BEDFORD HWY	CVP	\$32,590	\$22,590*	\$149 B/W**
S68573	BEDFORD HWY	SE PLUS	\$34,710	\$24,710*	\$163 B/W**
S68571	BEDFORD HWY	SE PLUS	\$34,485	\$24,485*	\$161 B/W**
H77635	BAYER'S LAKE	SE PLUS	\$34,680	\$24,680*	\$162 B/W**
H14944	BAYER'S LAKE	SE PLUS	\$34,485	\$24,485*	\$161 B/W**

2016 FIAT 500'S - SAVE \$4,978 - \$6,650

STOCK#	LOCATION	TRIM	WAS	SALE	DRIVE AWAY PMT
S74318	BEDFORD HWY	500X POP FWD	\$24,890	\$19,912*	\$132 B/W**
S96696	BEDFORD HWY	500X TREKKING FWD	\$33,250	\$26,600*	\$175 B/W**

2016 DODGE JOURNEY - SAVE \$6,600 - \$7,597

STOCK#	LOCATION	TRIM	WAS	SALE	DRIVE AWAY PMT
S18242	BEDFORD HWY	SXT/LIMITED FWD	\$34,060	\$27,248*	\$179 B/W**
S58118	BEDFORD HWY	CROSSROAD FWD	\$37,985	\$30,388*	\$199 B/W**
H18235	BAYER'S LAKE	SXT	\$33,460	\$26,768*	\$176 B/W**
H36619	BAYER'S LAKE	BLACKTOP	\$33,290	\$26,632*	\$175 B/W**
H33970	BAYER'S LAKE	BLACKTOP	\$32,990	\$26,392*	\$173 B/W**

2016 DODGE CHALLENGER - SAVE \$6,083 - \$12,279

STOCK#	LOCATION	TRIM	WAS	SALE	DRIVE AWAY PMT
H75209	BAYER'S LAKE	SXT BLACKTOP	\$40,555	\$34,472*	\$225 B/W**
H53029	BAYER'S LAKE	CHALLENGER HELLCAT - 6.2L SUPERCHARGED HELLCAT	\$81,860	\$69,581*	\$448 B/W**
S58712	BEDFORD HWY	CHALLENGER HELLCAT - 6.2L SUPERCHARGED HELLCAT	\$80,860	\$68,731*	\$442 B/W**

2016 DODGE CHARGER - SAVE \$12,720

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H39823	BAYER'S LAKE	CHARGER SRT - 6.2L SUPERCHARGED HELLCAT	\$84,800	\$72,080*	\$464 B/W**

2016 RAM 1500 & 2500 - SAVE \$14,325 - \$21,387

STOCK#	LOCATION	TRIM	WAS	SALE	DRIVE AWAY PMT
S78248	BEDFORD HWY	SPORT QUAD 5.7L	\$57,300	\$42,975*	\$279 B/W**
S14550	BEDFORD HWY	SLT CREW PLUS DECORE ECODIESEL	\$60,375	\$45,282*	\$293 B/W**
H20050	BAYER'S LAKE	LARAMIE QUAD ECODIESEL	\$68,330	\$51,248*	\$332 B/W**
H37016	BAYER'S LAKE	2500 CREW LARAMIE 6.7L DIESEL	\$85,545	\$64,159*	\$414 B/W**

2016 JEEP WRANGLER - SAVE \$6,470 - \$7,623

STOCK#	LOCATION	TRIM	WAS	SALE	DRIVE AWAY PMT
H44202	BAYER'S LAKE	RUBICON 2DR	\$47,205	\$40,124*	\$259 B/W**
H80681	BAYER'S LAKE	RUBICON 2DR	\$50,820	\$43,197*	\$279 B/W**
H80680	BAYER'S LAKE	RUBICON 2DR	\$50,820	\$43,197*	\$279 B/W**
S57008	BEDFORD HWY	SAHARA 2DR	\$43,135	\$36,665*	\$239 B/W**
S66288	BEDFORD HWY	RUBICON 2DR	\$49,350	\$41,948*	\$272 B/W**
S66287	BEDFORD HWY	RUBICON 2DR	\$49,350	\$41,948*	\$272 B/W**

2016 JEEP CHEROKEE - SAVE \$6,000 - \$8,000

STOCK#	LOCATION	TRIM	WAS	SALE	DRIVE AWAY PMT
H57730	BAYER'S LAKE	SPORT	\$28,535	\$22,828*	\$151 B/W**
H57729	BAYER'S LAKE	SPORT	\$28,535	\$22,828*	\$151 B/W**
H28197	BAYER'S LAKE	SPORT	\$28,565	\$22,858*	\$151 B/W**
H90998	BAYER'S LAKE	SPORT	\$29,015	\$23,212*	\$150 B/W**
H50273	BAYER'S LAKE	SPORT ALTITUDE	\$31,105	\$24,884*	\$164 B/W**
H50222	BAYER'S LAKE	SPORT ALTITUDE	\$31,300	\$25,040*	\$165 B/W**
H28199	BAYER'S LAKE	SPORT	\$29,935	\$23,948*	\$158 B/W**
H28182	BAYER'S LAKE	SPORT	\$29,685	\$23,748*	\$157 B/W**
S28201	BEDFORD HWY	SPORT	\$30,160	\$24,128*	\$157 B/W**
S28202	BEDFORD HWY	SPORT	\$29,935	\$23,948*	\$158 B/W**
S114575	BEDFORD HWY	SPORT	\$29,935	\$23,948*	\$158 B/W**
S50272	BEDFORD HWY	SPORT	\$31,105	\$24,884*	\$164 B/W**
S50253	BEDFORD HWY	SPORT	\$31,300	\$25,040*	\$165 B/W**
S73877	BEDFORD HWY	SPORT ALTITUDE	\$34,175	\$27,340*	\$179 B/W**
S68438	BEDFORD HWY	NORTH	\$39,100	\$31,280*	\$205 B/W**
S14572	BEDFORD HWY	LIMITED	\$35,840	\$28,672*	\$188 B/W**
H14573	BAYER'S LAKE	LIMITED	\$35,965	\$28,772*	\$188 B/W**

2016 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE - SAVE \$11,000

STOCK#	LOCATION	TRIM	WAS	SALE	DRIVE AWAY PMT
H91826	BAYER'S LAKE	OVERLAND 3.0 ECODIESEL	\$73,720	\$62,720*	\$404 B/W**
S35056	BEDFORD HWY	SUMMIT 3.0 ECODIESEL	\$75,730	\$64,730*	\$417 B/W**
S65622	BEDFORD HWY	OVERLAND 3.0 ECODIESEL	\$72,455	\$61,455*	\$396 B/W**

2016 JEEP RENEGADE - SAVE \$3,500 - \$5,500

STOCK#	LOCATION	TRIM	WAS	SALE	DRIVE AWAY PMT
S70897	BEDFORD HWY	SPORT	\$23,390	\$19,882*	\$132 B/W**
S89722	BEDFORD HWY	NORTH	\$33,580	\$28,543*	\$187 B/W**
S86799	BEDFORD HWY	NORTH	\$36,705	\$31,199*	\$204 B/W**
HE24834	BAYER'S LAKE	SPORT	\$32,505	\$27,630*	\$181 B/W**
H24869	BAYER'S LAKE	SPORT	\$32,505	\$27,630*	\$181 B/W**
H24848	BAYER'S LAKE	NORTH	\$33,630	\$28,586*	\$187 B/W**
H24461	BAYER'S LAKE	NORTH	\$33,630	\$28,586*	\$187 B/W**

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things to do this weekend

The Open Waters fest, a comic book event, art exhibits and two chances to catch the Mooseheads in action make for a full weekend.

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1

Head upstream

The Open Waters Festival from Upstream Music Association brings new and improvised music to the city from Friday to next Tuesday at the Dalhousie Arts Centre's Sir James Dunn Theatre and The Company House. Ensembles will mix experimental, jazz and classical genres, as Nova Scotian artists come together with visiting artists from the U.K., B.C. and Quebec. Symphony Nova Scotia will close out the event with music from Canadian composer Nicole Lizée on Jan. 10. Tickets run \$10-\$25 at the Dal Box Office, and passes are \$55-\$60 for adults via upstreammusic.org. Tickets for The Company House shows must be bought at the door.



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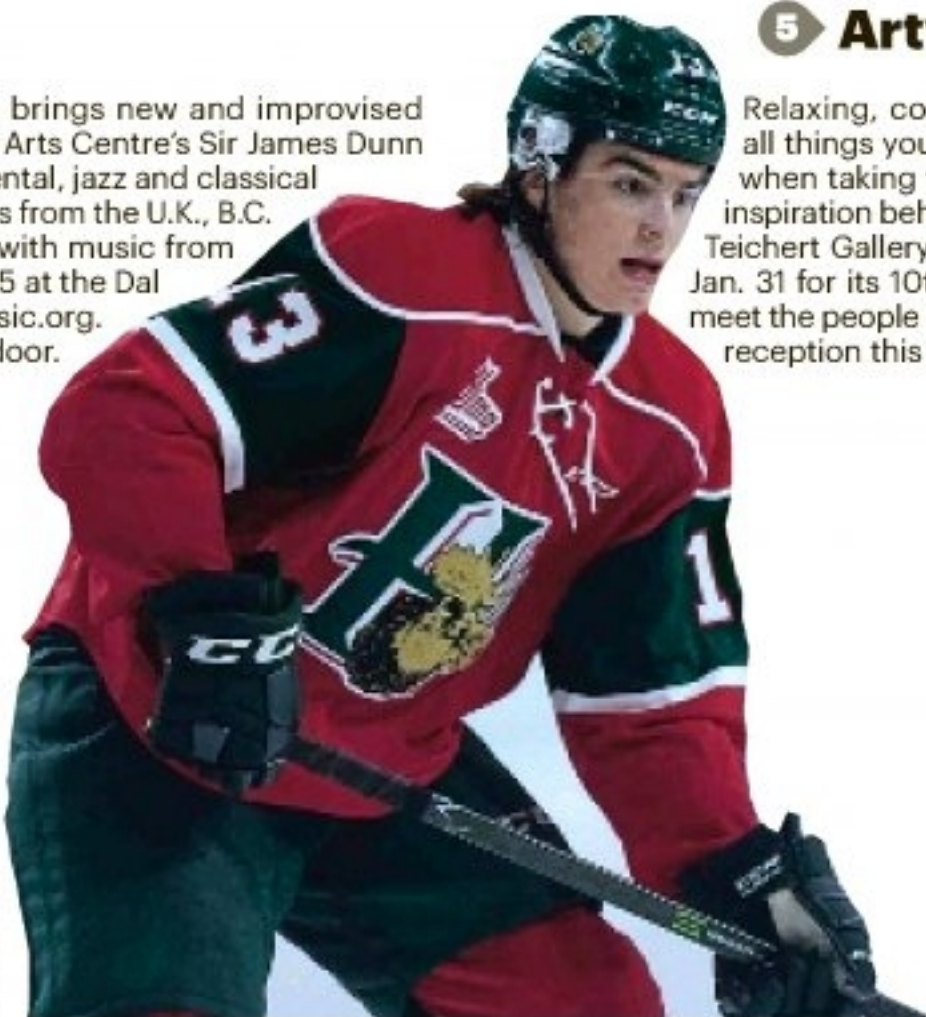
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Hello to Nova Scotia

If you haven't been able to appreciate the new Return to Nova Scotia exhibit at the Art Gallery of Nova Scotia (AGNS), head to the Hollis Street location this weekend before it ends Feb. 20. Peter Winkworth was an art collector who amassed a huge historic Canada collection, and since an auction in 2015 many ended up back in the province. There are gems like a rare French-period representation of a Mi'kmaq family canoeing in the Strait of Canso, Maritime battle scenes from the War of 1812 and mid-19th century landscapes of Nova Scotia.



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Nico returns

Already a fan favourite in Halifax, the Moosehead's Swiss star Nico Hischier is back home this weekend after catching international attention in the recent World Juniors. Hischier cemented his spot as a likely top 5 pick in next June's NHL draft and became a household name with four goals and three assists in leading Switzerland to the quarter-finals. The 17-year-old forward will be back in his centre position this Friday when the Herd takes on the Moncton Wildcats at 7 p.m. The Mooseheads also host the Saint John Sea Dogs this Saturday at 4 p.m., which will be broadcast nationally on Sportsnet.

5

Arty anniversary

Relaxing, contemplating and feeling at peace: all things you get from a day at the spa, but also when taking time to look at art. The spa was the inspiration behind the original ARTSPA! show at the Teichert Gallery on Hollis Street, now running until Jan. 31 for its 10th anniversary show. Come out and meet the people behind the paintings for the opening reception this Sunday from 2 to 4 p.m.



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Comicswap

If you've been on the hunt for a certain vintage comic book and you've run out of luck with stores around the Halifax area, a swap event with fellow collectors might be your best bet. Cape & Cowl on Sackville Drive is hosting a free Comic Swap & Sale this Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., featuring more than 6,500 back issue comics from the 1950s to the 1990s at 30 per cent off, and also a "comic swap zone" where you can meet others that may help in your search.



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Ex-soldier said 'I will fix it' before murder-suicide

UPPER BIG TRACADIE

Social media posts reveal struggle with PTSD

A clearer picture is emerging of the former soldier involved in an apparent murder-suicide in Nova Scotia, with his own words on social media revealing a man struggling with PTSD who was trying to get his life back.

"I'm truly sorry for freaking out at my wife/daughter and people who know me ... I'm not getting a lawyer. I'm getting my life back," Lionel Desmond wrote in a Dec. 3 Facebook post that did not elaborate.

"I apologize for anything out (of) my control. I will fix it, if not I'll live with it."

Desmond, 33, was found dead Tuesday night in a home in Upper Big Tracadie from what appeared to be a self-inflicted gunshot wound, RCMP say. His wife Shanna Desmond, 31, their 10-year-old daughter Aaliyah and his mother Brenda Desmond, 52, also died of apparent gunshot wounds.

Friends and family say Desmond was a kind and funny person, who changed after a tour in Afghanistan in 2007.

In his Facebook post last month, Desmond said he had hit his head on a light armoured vehicle and suffered back spasms after falling off a wall while in the Forces, and had been told he now had post-concussion disorder as well as PTSD.

"That (explains) my jeal-



Shanna and Lionel Desmond hold their daughter Aaliyah in a photo from the Facebook page of Shanna Desmond.

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Lionel two days ago wasn't Lionel. He fought hard for his country whenever he was asked to do it.

Trev Bungay

ousy towards my wife and being over-controlling and (my) vulgar tongue towards my family," he wrote.

Friends and family confirmed the Facebook page, attributed to a "Lionel Demon,"

belonged to Lionel Desmond.

He wrote he had "ADD/ADHD from thrashing my head," and doctors told him he should seek neurological help in Halifax.

"I just hope there's no

brain damage ... I will be going to Halifax to find out, wish me the best," Desmond wrote.

Rev. Elaine Walcott, a relative of Desmond, said Thursday that he had gotten treatment last year in Montreal but was looking for more help.

She said Desmond recently tried to check himself into a mental health unit at St. Martha's Regional Hospital in Antigonish and was told there were no beds. She said he was also told they didn't have his files.

Desmond served in Afghanistan in 2007, and had received treatment from a joint personnel support unit for a year prior to his release from the military in July 2015. Such units provide support to ill and injured soldiers, including mental injuries.

A retired soldier who served in Afghanistan with Desmond said Thursday that his friend had the classic symptoms of PTSD, but appeared to be dealing with them.

"Every time I think about Lionel Desmond as a person, I smile, because he was the person that everyone wanted to be. He was quiet. He was funny. He was the joker. Everyone loved him. Not a harmful bone in his body," Trev Bungay said.

"Lionel two days ago wasn't Lionel. He fought hard for his country whenever he was asked to do it. He came home and needed help and he couldn't get sufficient help to make him be able to live a normal life," Bungay said.

Bungay was a master-corporal in charge of Desmond

+ OFFICIALS

Search for federal connection to case

Premier McNeil said he will speak with the federal Veterans Affairs Department to determine how officials handled Desmond's case.

during their time in Afghanistan. He said Desmond was a great soldier who did his job well, but it was a difficult and stressful deployment.

"(It) was a very heavy combat, high casualty tour. Even the littlest things such as eating meals and going for a shower, you could die doing it. A rocket could be launched into a camp. It's a dangerous place. It's one of the most dangerous places in the world and we were there," he said.

Nova Scotia Premier Stephen McNeil said Thursday an investigation has started into how the province's health-care system dealt with Desmond.

McNeil said the "unspeakable loss" has prompted the Health Department and the province's health authority to review what services were offered and whether protocols were followed.

The premier said it's clear Desmond had received treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder from the military, but it's unclear what level of care — if any — was provided by the province.

"There will be an ongoing process to make sure that the system responded," McNeil said after a cabinet meeting.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Minister speaks on alleged assault

Nova Scotia's immigration minister has issued her first public statement since her husband was charged with assaulting her on New Year's Eve, thanking supporters and committing to continuing her work for the province.

Lena Diab spoke in a quiet, halting voice today as she described enduring a "very tragic, sad, private and personal matter."

The cabinet minister and entrepreneur declined to respond to questions after a cabinet meeting in Halifax.

Premier Stephen McNeil also declined to comment on the case, except to say that his "love and support" was with his colleague.

Community Services Minister Joanne Bernard said she didn't want to comment on Diab's case, but she took the opportunity to say domestic violence continues to be an insidious crime that affects people from all walks of life.

Later in the day, Diab's husband, Maroun Diab, made his first appearance in Halifax provincial court, where he was released on a series of conditions.

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Lena Diab METRO FILE

MISOGYNY

Business magazine trolled, praised over women's issue

The executive editor of Atlantic Business Magazine says their first issue dedicated to women has created some backlash from online trolls.

Executive editor Dawn Chafe says the magazine has received a lot of negative comments since it started promoting the issue — including Twitter comments that a wall should be built to keep women out of business.

Chafe called the negativity "shocking and disappoint-



Shocking and disappointing.

Dawn Chafe, Executive Editor on the online negativity

ing."

But she says most reaction on both Facebook and Twitter has been very positive,

including a supportive tweet from entrepreneur and TV personality Arlene Dickinson.

Chafe says feminism is not about promoting one gender over another, and the goal of the magazine is to have an equal representation of voices.

The issue launched Thursday across Atlantic Canada, with 90 per cent of the articles focused exclusively on women.

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ENVIRONMENT

Fish kill 'subsiding,' but cause remains unclear, officials say

A dramatic fish kill appears to be subsiding in southwest Nova Scotia, officials said Thursday as they ruled out human activity as a cause — but acknowledged we may never know why tens of thousands of dead herring have washed ashore over the past month.

Fisheries officials say they found just 10 to 15 fish Wednesday in an area where thousands washed up at the peak of the die-off, between the Sissiboo River and Plympton.

Doug Wentzell, regional director of fisheries management for the Department of Fisheries, says those few fish are the remnants of herring that have been washing up for the last few weeks in and around St. Marys Bay.

He says tests for toxins, viruses, infections, contaminants and other possible causes have come back negative, and testing is now being wrapped up.

Officials also looked at a dramatic temperature change around mid-December, about

+ TESTING

More herring found

Officials say they found far more herring swimming in the area than normal during testing Wednesday.

two weeks after the dead herring first appeared, and say that may explain why crabs, starfish and other sea life also began turning up dead. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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SURVEY

Habs most popular team in Nova Scotia

Nova Scotians love their Habs.

Despite how it breaks down in your household, a new survey says one in five Nova Scotians — and a fifth of Atlantic Canadians — cite the Montreal Canadiens as their favourite NHL team.

Unlike the league standings, the Toronto Maple Leafs aren't far behind with 19 per cent of people in this province, and 20 per cent in Atlantic Canada, still holding onto hope.

The Boston Bruins and the Pittsburgh Penguins are tied for the number three spot in Nova Scotia fandom at six per cent, but the Bruins are more popular across Atlantic Canada, five per cent to four per cent.

Seventeen per cent of Atlantic Canadian respondents to the Corporate Research Associates (CRA) poll said they don't have



Montreal Canadiens' player Alexander Radulov. CP FILE

a favourite NHL team, and another 17 per cent said they don't watch or follow hockey.

ZANE WOODFORD/METRO HALIFAX

IN BRIEF

Impaired driving charges laid in Windmill Road crash

A Cole Harbour man is facing a charge of impaired driving after a Thursday afternoon crash involving three vehicles.

Halifax Regional Police said they received 911 calls in regards to an accident on Windmill Road. Police determined there were three vehicles involved, and two were extensively damaged.

The driver of one of the vehicles, a 24-year-old man from Cole Harbour, has been charged with operating a motor vehicle while impaired by drugs.

METRO

Two men sought for armed robbery in Dartmouth

Police are looking for two men after an armed street robbery in the area of Maitland and Newcastle streets in Dartmouth. The victim told police he was approached by two men wearing ski masks. One of the men produced a knife. The suspects fled in a older model, beige-coloured Pontiac or Buick.

Anyone who has any knowledge about this incident is asked to contact Halifax Regional Police at 902-490-5020 or via Crime Stoppers.

METRO

Woman charged for removing pups' tails

ANIMAL WELFARE

Unregistered breeder may face five years in jail, \$10K fine



Zane Woodford
Metro | Halifax

A "backyard breeder" from St. Margaret's Bay could face up to five years in prison after the SPCA charged her for docking puppies' tails.

Docking is the medical practice of removing a puppy's tail, either by cutting it off with scissors or by putting a special band on the tail.

In this case, the SPCA says 35-year-old Candice Burneau, described as an unregistered "backyard breeder," used rubber bands to remove the boxer puppies' tails on Dec. 29, 2016.

"When bands are placed on puppies' tails, basically what

DETAILS

Candace Burneau is charged with wilfully causing unnecessary suffering and injury to puppies under the Criminal Code, which carries stiffer penalties than the Animal Protection Act.



The SPCA receives between six and 10 complaints every year about puppies whose tails have been docked — most commonly boxers, terriers and spaniels. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

happens is the blood supply is cut off, and the tail becomes necrotic, and it falls off," Nova Scotia SPCA chief inspector Jo-Anne Landsburg said in an interview.

"So you can imagine even placing a rubber band on the end of your finger, and waiting for the end of it to fall off. It would be quite a painful thing to happen."

The practice, even if performed by a veterinarian, was banned in Nova Scotia in 2010.

Landsburg said the SPCA receives between six and 10 complaints every year about puppies whose tails have been docked — most commonly boxers and

“They're not using any anesthetic for the process, so it can be quite painful for the puppy.”

SPCA chief inspector Jo-Anne Landsburg

smaller dogs like terriers and spaniels.

Because veterinarians are no longer allowed to dock puppies' tails, people running backyard kennels, and some real kennels, do it themselves.

"The issue is when somebody is doing it themselves, at home or wherever, they're not providing any analgesics, any pain medication, they're not using

any anesthetic for the process, so it can be quite painful for the puppy," Landsburg said.

Landsburg hopes the charges against Burneau will deter other backyard breeders from docking puppies.

If convicted, she could be jailed for up to five years, fined up to \$10,000, or fined and jailed. She's due in Halifax provincial court in March.

THINK BEFORE YOU PARK

When and where you park during the winter can have a big impact on clearing.

The municipality is stepping up winter parking enforcement in areas around hospitals and schools, bus routes and problem streets for emergency vehicles and clearing equipment. Plan ahead. Walk, carpool, take the bus or make arrangements for off-street parking when the overnight parking ban is in effect or there is bad weather in the forecast.

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HALIFAX

N.Y. Times plugs Ottawa

PROFILE

Officials look forward to a potential tourism boost



Dylan C. Robertson
For Metro | Ottawa

Ottawa's tourist sector is celebrating a glowing New York Times report published Thursday, on the city "emerging from the shadow of Montreal and Toronto."

The paper's 36 Hours in Ottawa report invites visitors to poke around the Château Laurier, sip wine on Sparks Street and get "a consummately Canadian sugar rush" of BeaverTails.

"To get on people's wish lists, you need articles like this," says Ottawa Tourism spokeswoman Jantine Van Kregten. "You need concrete examples of why someone would want to go there."

A 2007 Times article with the same title stuck to downtown, but Thursday's story ventures to Hintonburg and Centretown, which Van Kregten says speaks



A glowing New York Times report "did a really good job at capturing Ottawa." ISTOCK

to the city's emerging neighbourhoods.

"The author did a really good job at capturing Ottawa," she said. "You can piece together a really kick-ass weekend by what the New York Times has shared."

Craig MacDonald, director of Ottawa Walking Tours, says media coverage plays a "huge" role in planting the idea of vis-

iting in someone's head, or solidifying it.

"The larger the newspaper, the more likely you are to have them come up here," said MacDonald, who's thrilled the U.S. dollar is keeping high as Canada 150 events kick off.

"We're looking forward to a fantastic year."

Unlike its January 2015 re-

port on the ByWard Market, the Times' opted against recommending the Wine Rack. That article "created some buzz" for Amanda May Lingerie.

"We had a lot of friends and family share the article which got us some new customers and had a few tourists over the summer stop by, thanks to the article," May said.

MEDIA

Buzz

Canada has made a lot of international news recently as a place to visit and watch. Here are some examples:

1. New York Times

delved into the differences between Canadian and American Thanksgiving

2. The Guardian

devoted a series to our country by launching Canada Week, with a peek at five Canadian cities

3. Lonely Planet

named Canada the best place to travel in 2017

4. Vogue

lusted over Prime Minister Justin Trudeau with an intimate photoshoot where he was pictured embracing wife Sophie Grégoire-Trudeau

TURKEY

Canadian charged for 'insulting' Erdogan

A Canadian woman has been arrested in Turkey for allegedly insulting the country's president in comments posted on Facebook, her Turkish lawyer said Thursday.

Ece Heper, 50, was arrested in the city of Kars in northeastern Turkey, and charged on Dec. 30, Sertac Celikkaleli said.

Heper, a dual Canadian-Turkish citizen, had been in the country since mid-November, according to her friends.

"She is intense and opinionated, for sure," Birgitta Pavic said from her Toronto home.

At issue, her friends and lawyer said, are several recent Facebook posts about President Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

In one posted on Dec. 28, Heper accused Erdogan of jailing journalists who suggest there is evidence Turkey is supporting Daesh.

Global Affairs Canada said they are aware of a Canadian citizen detained in Turkey and are providing consular assistance, but wouldn't divulge further information. THE CANADIAN PRESS

VISAS

Denied entry for being a widow

For 18 months, Christopher Campbell-Durufle has been trying to convince immigration officials that his mother-in-law in Colombia is a legitimate traveller with no intent to overstay her welcome in Canada.

Since 2015 the Toronto man has made three failed attempts to help Ofelia Chavez Ruiz obtain a visitor visa to see him and his wife but could not figure out the reasons for the rejections, which occurred despite documentation showing the 76-year-old woman's strong ties to her homeland.

However, Campbell-Durufle said a recent response from Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada to an MP on his family's behalf might have explained the real reason for the decisions.

"In the case that interests you, a note to our electronic file indicates that the applicant is a widow and that she was unable to convince the officers of the visa office in Bogota that she was firmly established in her country," the department noted in an email to the NDP's Thomas Mulcair, who had inquired on the family's behalf.

In previous rejection letters, officials had only cited the woman's lack of travel history, wealth and a purpose for the visit, as well as her ties to Can-



Carolina Delgado, left, her mother Ofelia Chavez Ruiz, and husband Christopher Campbell-Durufle. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ada through her daughter, as reasons for the refusals.

Campbell-Durufle, a University of Toronto PhD student in international law, said he was shocked by the "widow" reference in his mother-in-law's file.

"No one could tell us what they wanted. We had given them all the information, notarized documents and statements trying to meet their criteria in good faith. The last application we presented had 186 pages of proofs," lamented Campbell-Durufle.

"But we couldn't do anything about the fact my mother-in-law is a widow. Does it mean that all widows and widowers can't travel to Canada?"

Marital status is not among

the listed reasons in the Immigration Department's form rejection letter.

After Torstar inquired into the matter, officials said the Canadian visa post in Bogota has advised Chavez Ruiz this week to submit a new application and promised she will be issued a three-month visitor visa.

"Visa applications are considered on a case-by-case basis on the specific facts presented by the applicant in each case," noted Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada spokeswoman Nancy Chan. "The department does not discriminate based on the relationship status of an individual."

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IRAQ

27 people killed in Baghdad attacks

Several attacks in and around Baghdad, including a suicide car bombing in a busy commercial area after nightfall on Thursday, killed at least 27 people in a particularly brutal day in the Iraqi capital.

The suicide bomber, who targeted shops and food stands near a bus station in

the city's busy Bab al-Muadam area, killed 11, a police officer said. He says the bombing also wounded at least 22 people. Earlier in the day, bombings elsewhere in and around Baghdad killed at least 16 people and wounded dozens, officials said.

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A selection of correspondence and memorabilia sent and given to Cyril Dickman, during his time as butler at the Royal Household. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

PRINCESS DIANA

Letters say Harry was 'constantly in trouble'

Letters sent by Britain's late Princess Diana - including one in which she described a young Prince Harry as being "constantly in trouble" while at boarding school - sold for thousands of pounds at an auction Thursday.

The six handwritten notes were sent to Cyril Dickman, a former head steward at Buckingham Palace, during the 1980s and 1990s.

In one, sent five days after Harry's birth in September 1984, Diana thanked Dickman for a card he sent during what she called "this particularly happy time" and described how affectionate Prince William was toward his baby brother.

"William adores his little brother and spends the entire

time swamping Harry with an endless supply of hugs and kisses, hardly letting the parents near!" she wrote.

Diana added that she was overwhelmed by the reaction to Harry's birth.

"I can hardly breathe for the mass of flowers that are arriving here!" she said.

That note, which had been expected to fetch up to 600 pounds (\$745), sold for 3,200 pounds (\$3,975). Cheffins auction house in Cambridge said.

In another letter, written in 1992, Diana said both her sons were enjoying boarding school, "although Harry is constantly in trouble!"

Diana died in a car crash in Paris in 1997. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Protesters rally against Donald Trump outside of Trump Tower in New York on Nov. 3. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The Women's March: A chance to speak up

Those who've signed on have agreed to fight for equality and inclusivity — and to stand united

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD From the U.S.

Here's your motto for 2017, courtesy of the columnist Connie Schultz: "Your voice matters, but only if you use it."

Thus, hundreds of thousands marching in Washington and 47 U.S. states, never mind around the world, is a perfect start to the era of Trump. A critical, powerful first step to make dissenting voices heard.

And yet the Women's March on Washington — a movement set for Jan. 21 to defend the rights of women, LGBTQ, Muslims and all faiths, racialized people, and all people — has already been deemed useless by some.

Feminists are "making Trump's threat about themselves," argued Shikha Dalmia in The Week. Trump and his Republican-controlled capital aren't actually a threat to women. It's just feminists getting hysterical, and responding with "a confused and pointless march," she writes.

Leaving aside the worn-out misogyny of arguing that the women's movement is a shriek-fest, this kind of put-down — that the march isn't focused, that it has no clear purpose, that it's making a fuss that won't help — is the kind of pre-packaged criticism you could throw at any movement, of any era, at any time.

Those who've signed on have in fact agreed to some-

thing: They've agreed to fight for equality, inclusivity, and to stand united against threats that will inevitably hit the most marginalized, first. And most importantly, they've agreed to be vocal about it.

The Women's March is a crucial first step in igniting widespread left-wing activism across the U.S. It is an opportunity to galvanize action that will need to be sustained for years. It's a reminder to Republicans — who lost the popular vote, who gerrymandered and vote-suppressed their way into federal and state victories, despite the fact that the U.S. is generally becoming more left-leaning — that they have the entire rest of the country to answer to. Not just their voters.

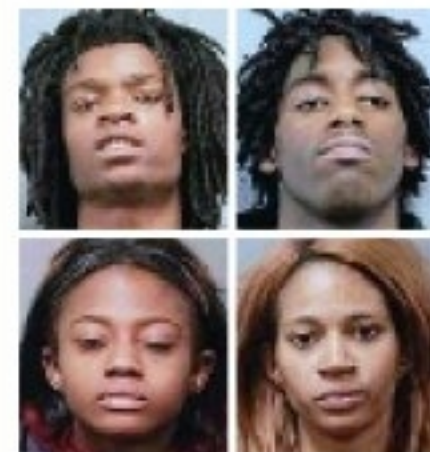
The march defends women's reproductive rights and health care, and women's dignity in the face of Trumpian hyper-masculinity and its portrayal of women as "nasty." It rejects white supremacist sentiment. It stands up for women impacted by government policies that increase poverty.

The sister marches in nearly all states also take the battle for women's rights, civil rights, religious freedom and progressive values to where they are deeply needed: at the state level.

Collective activism, widespread in scale and purpose, is the only thing that stands a chance of mitigating damage in the next four years. The march is only the beginning.

CHICAGO

Hate-crime charges after attack on disabled man streamed on Facebook



Clockwise from top: Jordan Hill, Tesfaye Cooper and Tanishia and Brittany Covington

Four black people were charged with hate crimes Thursday in connection with a video broadcast live on Facebook that showed a mentally disabled white man being beaten and taunted, threatened with a knife and forced to drink from a toilet.

The assault went on for hours, until Chicago police found the disoriented victim walking along a street, authorities said.

The suspects, who were jailed, can be heard on the video using profanities against white

people and U.S. President-elect Donald Trump.

Police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said investigators initially concluded that the 18-year-old man was singled out because he has "special needs," not because he was white, although Guglielmi acknowledged the suspects made "terrible racist statements."

It's also possible that the suspects were trying to extort something from the victim's family, police said.

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ON THE VERGE OF GREAT SCIENCE

2016 was a standout year. Canadian researchers played a weighty role in observing gravitational waves for the first time, NASA's JUNO spacecraft arrived on Jupiter, and the gene-editing technology CRISPR came into its own. **2017 could be even more exciting. Here's what's on the global science agenda.**



1 The black hole in our backyard

If you think a solar eclipse is the coolest celestial scene we're going to see in 2017, think again. Early this year,

scientists are set to take the first-ever snapshot of an event horizon — the "point of no return" — where stuff, like hot gas and dust, gets sucked into a black hole. The black hole in question, Sagittarius A*, is right at the centre of our very own Milky Way galaxy, just 26,000 light-

years away. If the predictions of Einstein's theory of general relativity are correct, it should appear as a crescent of bright gases surrounding a dark spot, and the size of the shadow it casts should be very close to current calculations. Talk about the ultimate test.



2 Synthetic blood

Blood transfusions are a miracle of modern medicine. Before the science of blood typing became accurate and reliable in the 20th century, there wasn't much of anything to be done for someone who needed blood. But there's still a perplexing problem — transfusions require an endless supply of healthy human volunteers willing to donate. Soon, that could change. In 2017, a British clinical trial is going to transfuse volunteers with synthetic blood for the first time. Because the blood cells are grown from donated stem cells, it might be more accurately called engineered or lab-grown blood. Whatever we call it, it could revolutionize medical care for people who've suffered from bleeding or bleeding disorders.

3 Planet 9 from outer space

Far, far, away, but in our galaxy, scientists believe there's a large, icy planet on the outer edge of our solar system. It only orbits Earth once every 15,000 years or so. We haven't seen it (just objects orbiting it), but several teams around the world have telescopes trained on the spot they believe Planet 9 may be lurking.



5 Quantum computers

All modern computing is based on binary code: A series of numbers called "bits" that can be in one of two states: 0 or 1. Because quantum physics is crazy, tiny subatomic particles (like photons, the stuff light is made of) can be in more than one state at the same time (such as up, down, or both). Because of this, quantum computers have the potential to do super-complex calculations today's computers can't handle. Until now, it's been mostly theoretical. But some scientists believe we'll see quantum computers IRL in 2017. Both Google and Microsoft have quantum projects in the works.

4 A major victory against malaria

2017 may well be remembered as the year we finally tamed one of the greatest killers in human history: Plasmodium, the mosquito-borne parasite that causes malaria. We're getting closer than ever to a malaria vaccine that actually works. And it's made of the malaria parasite itself, just engineered without three key genes that help it invade the liver. The first human trials, published this week in the

journal Science Translational Medicine, found the vaccine is safe, doesn't cause too many side effects, and stimulates the body's immune response to malaria. The coolest part? The researchers gave the dummy parasite to patients the same way they'd get the real one: not in a syringe, but through the bite of an infected mosquito. The next steps are to test it on more people and determine how vaccinated patients fare when exposed to the disease.

If the results are good, a vaccine will fight malaria in a way no insecticide, protective gear or bed netting could. Resolution 2018: Kiss malaria goodbye for good.



FINDINGS Your week in science



PLUTO'S PENITENTES
Penitentes: spectacular spires of natural ice, stretching as far as the eye can see, are famously found in the Andes. Now York University researchers say penitentes made of methane and nitrogen are on Pluto, too.

SINGLE IN THE SUBURBS
Find suburbia depressing? It's not just you. When humans invade their forest homes, certain songbirds — including the Pacific wren and Swainson's thrush — flee the area, fail to breed bird babies, and even "divorce" from their long-term mates, says a 10-year study of the Seattle area.

SOUND SMART

TRANS NEPTUNIAN OBJECT

DEFINITION
A **trans-Neptunian object** is any object in our solar system that orbits beyond Neptune. Pluto is one **trans-Neptunian** object out of more than 70,000 that measure at least 100 km across.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
Deborah is being such a pain that I'd love to stick her on a spaceship and send her to live on a **trans-Neptunian object** on the outer reaches of our solar system.

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Richard Crouse

For Metro Canada

It's awards season, a heady time when the movie biz pats itself on the back for a job well done. Tuxedos are rented, Botox injected by the gallon and hundreds of miles of red carpets unfurled as industry insiders honour the best of the best with statues and speeches.

But is it really a time for celebration? The movie biz had a record-breaking year, raking in north of \$11.4 billion on the backs of, as one industry insider said, "a forgetful fish, infighting superheroes and some intergalactic rebels."

But for every Finding Dory, Captain America or Rogue One, which all earned good reviews and audience support, there were dozens of others that acted as public repellent, driving viewers away in droves. Those unsuccessful movies are dark clouds hanging heavy over the Hollywood landscape. Metro has some thoughts on how to clear the skies and ensure smooth sailing until Hollywood runs out of awards to hand out.

Let's spend more time watching imaginative new worlds and ideas brought to life on the screen. Give me more movies from Guillermo Del Toro, Edgar Wright and Andrea Arnold, filmmakers who constantly reinvent our relationship with story and cinema.

Although I'm looking forward to John Wick 2 and Skull Island, let's cut back on the reboots, reimaginings, remakes and films with numbers in their titles.

Let Kristen Stewart do anything she wants. Her death-

Clouds over Hollywood

Awards season is upon us but with many questions hanging over the movie industry, it's not really time to celebrate. Here are Metro's thoughts on clearing the skies.



Hollywood is facing many questions about its future direction. Metro thinks greater influence and impact from the likes of, left to right, Ava DuVernay, Kristen Stewart and Guillermo Del Toro would go a long way to helping. GETTY IMAGES/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

defying leap from a Young Adult idol to indie star has been inspiring to watch. She digs deeper and deeper with every role, distancing herself from the teeny-bopper image that defined the early part of her career. Her choices are wild and woolly and you don't know what to expect next from her. More please.

No more 'interesting' movies from Will Smith. His over-

thinking has done more collateral damage to his once towering career than his last

film, Collateral Beauty.

More convulsive belly laughs triggered by thought-

ful, interesting jokes please. That means fewer films that mistake politically incorrect "did he really just say that?" jokes for actual humour.

Can we have more reliance on the human touch on screen; directors like Jim Jarmusch, Mira Nair and Barry Jenkins who use instinct and experience to create their art.

Let's have less studio reliance on branding, formula and

script algorithms like ScriptBook, ScripThreads and Slated. Successful movie ideas don't come from marketing departments or mathematical analysis, they come from the hearts and minds of interesting storytellers.

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For every Finding Dory, Captain America or Rogue One, which all earned good reviews and audience support, there were dozens that acted as public repellent.

We need more films that pass both the Bechdel Test (does the movie feature a scene where two women discuss something other than a man?) as well as the DuVernay Test (do the African American and other minority characters have fully realized lives or are they just scenery in white stories?) If the answer is yes to either of these questions, you'll have more films that better reflect the world we live in.

Finally, it's time for Hollywood to be truly egalitarian. We need to see an end to white actors cast in non-white roles. It's not knee-jerk political correctness — it's justice for years of whitewashing in Hollywood. Recently in Doctor Strange, Gods of Egypt, Aloha and many others caucasian actors were cast in roles written or conceived for people of colour. Let's stop that in 2017.

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Hidden Figures ★★★★★
Silence ★★★★★
A Monster Calls ★★★

HOW RATING WORKS
★★★★★ SEE IT
★★★★ WORTHWHILE
★★★ UP TO YOU
★ SKIP IT

STARS' CONCERN

So, is the silver screen beginning to lose some of its sheen?



The second you put restrictions on art, you're going to see a shape-shift, because you can't restrict expression. Shailene Woodley



I do feel myself looking in other venues than movies. Movies are just a part of what we do now. Peter Sarsgaard

We make films all around the world, and Hollywood pretty much is of some bygone era now. Nicole Kidman



The cinema I grew up with and that I'm making, it's gone. Martin Scorsese



A tale of drug-smuggling Mennonites

NEW SERIES

Creator of CBC's *Pure* had hard time selling his idea

What if Walter White was a Mennonite?

Pure, which premieres Monday on CBC-TV, is based on actual accounts of Mennonites acting as drug mules. Various reports suggest some members were smuggling cocaine and marijuana into Canada all the way from Mexico by hiding drugs in hollowed-out car batteries and wheels of cheese.

Series writer and creator Michael Amo (*The Listener*) optioned one such magazine article nearly a decade ago but had a hard time selling networks on a Christian sect version of *Breaking Bad*.

"I couldn't get any traction on it," says Amo, whose Russian-immigrant grandparents were Mennonites. "I found there was a lot of resistance to the notion that this was even real."

Well-publicized busts involving drug mules in Calgary and southwestern Ontario helped open a few eyes, says Amo. Around the same time, so did the success of *True Detective* and *Fargo*, two dark dramas that proved there was an appetite for short-run series.

Shaw Media developed *Pure* for a while "then decided it wasn't for them," says Amo. That's when CBC stepped in, with the series going into production in Nova Scotia this



***Pure*, which premieres Monday on CBC-TV, is based on actual accounts of Mennonites acting as drug mules. Various reports suggest some members were smuggling cocaine and marijuana into Canada from Mexico. CONTRIBUTED**

past fall.

Key to the project was finding the right actor to play Noah Funk, the God-fearing head of the Mennonite community.

"Walter White's journey was all about a good man becoming bad," says Amo. "Our story is about a very good man becoming bad in deed, but always remaining good in heart and being tormented by all these transgressions."

Amo found his straight arrow leader in Ryan Robbins, a native of Victoria, B.C. with credits on everything from *Arrow* to "Continuum and

Battlestar Galactica. Clean-shaven and sporting nerdy glasses, a straw hat and suspenders, Robbins looks the part. On the day of a press visit to a hillside location, director Ken Girotti — who helms all six episodes — has Funk take his frustrations out on a cellphone.

Funk's un-Godly dilemma: he must betray a fellow Mennonite in order to rid his community of drug traffickers.

The plan backfires when drug kingpin Eli Voss (Peter Outerbridge) threatens Funk's family if he doesn't look the other way on the smuggling



Our story is about a very good man becoming bad in deed, but always remaining good in heart.

Michael Amo, *Pure* series writer and creator

operation.

"He's trying to be true to his God and his family," says Robbins. "He thinks he can do all this and get back to the way things were before. He very quickly finds himself in (trouble)."

Encouraged by Girotti, Outerbridge (Orphan Black, *ReGenesis*) strives to portray Voss as pure evil.

"We decided I didn't want

to have any facial expression," he says. "He should come across as that thing that Mennonite moms told their kids before they go to bed at night: make sure they do well in school or Eli Voss will come and get you."

Funk finds two unlikely allies in trying to bring Voss to justice: a former high school tormentor-turned misfit cop (played by Irish-born Canadian

DIALOGUE

Perez takes advice 'to stop talking like Rosie'

For *Pure*, Oscar nominee Rosie Perez, who plays American drug enforcement agency officer, tamed her loud and proud Puerto Rican/Brooklyn accent and spoke barely above a whisper.

"I worked really hard for two straight weeks," she says, taking her vocal coach's suggestion — even in interviews — to "stop talking like Rosie and just talk like O'Reilly. It was the greatest advice."



actor A.J. Buckley) and American drug enforcement agency officer Phoebe O'Reilly (Oscar nominee Rosie Perez).

"He's a degenerate, but he's honest about it," says Buckley of his character.

The *Pure* cast had one big challenge that had nothing with character development, however: making scenes shot in farm fields in Dartmouth in November look like rural Mexico.

"Especially when we're trying to hide the fact we can see our breath," says Robbins, "and the crew's all bundled up like Kenny from *South Park*."

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There are still fees and capacity restrictions applied to specialty programs and overnight accommodations, including campsites.

The reservations line for the west coast has just opened up with the rest of the country following. Visitors who want to pre-register for specialty programs can contact sites directly in the spring. There's normally no issue, but with the sesquicentennial, record numbers are predicted.



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3 Best for exploring

Ontario's Pukaskwa National Park offers almost 100 km of trails to help visitors explore its protected ecosystem, which includes a boreal forest and a vast stretch of shoreline along Lake Superior. My father-in-law, who has camped his whole life, lists the views and sunsets from Pukaskwa as the best in the country.



4 Best to avoid the crowds

Banff and Jasper are the most popular national parks in the West. To avoid crowds consider visiting some of the other majestic Western parks, like Revelstoke or Waterton Lakes National Park, an international peace park shared with the United States. With an exceptional diversity of wildlife and a cozy little waterfront town to serve as a home base, Waterton makes a great alternative.

5 Best hidden gem

Quebec's Mingan Archipelago National Reserve Park lies on the far end of the highway on the north shore of the St Lawrence. It includes some thirty limestone islands, more than a 1000 granitic islets and reefs and an abundance of marine life including whales, dolphins and seals.



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CHINESE NEW YEAR

Ings kick off Year of Rooster at Spring Festival Parade

After Jun Ing performed as a lion dancer for the first time in Vancouver's Chinese New Year parade in the 1980s, he remembers wishing it had lasted longer.

Ing was dazzled by the crowds that came out to watch the traditional art form, in which costumed performers mimic the movements of lions, as well as the "lucky money" in red envelopes he collected from merchants.

Now decades later, his 17-year-old son, Angus Ing, gets the same thrill from dancing through the streets of the city's vibrant Chinatown every year.

"Initially he was kind of reluctant," said Jun Ing with a chuckle. "But when he saw that a lot of people were interested in lion dancing and the crowds and whatnot, he got inspired by it."

The father is the chief co-ordinator of the annual parade, officially titled the Chinatown

Spring Festival Parade, as well as the vice-president of the Chinese Benevolent Association of Vancouver.

This year's parade, kicking off the Year of the Rooster, is set to take place Jan. 29. Featuring multicultural dance troupes, marching bands and martial arts performances, it has become a significant annual event in the city, drawing more than 100,000 spectators last year.

The event also boasts the largest assembly of traditional lion dance teams in Canada. The colourful performers are meant to ward off evil spirits, and they stop at stores along the parade route to retrieve envelopes of cash and bring the businesses good fortune.

Jun Ing said the Hoy Ping Benevolent Association of Canada lion dancer team has performed in the parade for about 10 years. It has become a family affair, with not only Angus Ing taking the reins as the head of one of the lions, but also his 19-year-old sister Alex Ing mastering the drums.

On a recent frigid weekday night, members of the team gathered in the Hoy Ping headquarters to practise. Angus Ing pulled



Hoy Ping Athletic Group members, Angus Ing, front, 17, rolls across the floor as Nick Tim, top, 19, is hoisted by Amen Chan while practicing their lion dance routine for the Chinese New Year Parade, in Vancouver, B.C. THE CANADIAN PRESS/DARRYL DYCK

a large ornate silver lion head over his own, while teammate Ricardo Ho crouched behind him, operating the tail.

Using a lever inside the head to blink the eyes, Angus Ing began to embody the intimidating physicality of the animal. To

the rhythm of an energetic drum beat, he and Ho confronted and play-fought with a pair of fellow dancers dressed as a glittering

IF YOU GO

A map of the parade route and list of attractions are available on the Chinese Benevolent Association of Vancouver's website: cbavancouver.ca

gold lion.

Angus Ing said it takes a lot of practice, athleticism and endurance to master lion dancing, but it's also a "lot of fun."

"You also get to spread the culture to the people that don't really understand it," he said. "It also woos them. They've never seen something like that, all the colours and the bright lights, and also the loud noises and the big kicks."

The performance involves impressive acrobatics too, with Ho, a larger-built man in his 30s, often hoisting his younger teammate high into the air.

In fact, Alex Ing, a University of British Columbia student with a keen sense of rhythm, said she decided to pick up the drumsticks in part because she was too afraid of heights to be a lion dancer. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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WORLD JUNIORS

Americans storm back twice to win championship

Troy Terry scored in a shootout to lift the United States to a 5-4 victory over Canada to win the world junior hockey championship on Thursday night.

It was Terry's three shootout goals in their semifinal against Russia on Wednesday that put the Americans into the final.

The U.S. erased a pair of two-goal Canadian leads to reach overtime, with Kieffer Bellows scoring twice and Charlie McAvoy and Colin White with singles.

Thomas Chabot, Jeremy Lauzon, Nicolas Roy and Ma-

thieu Joseph scored for Canada.

The U.S. and Canada have faced each other four times in world junior finals, with Canada taking the first in 1997 and the Americans winning the next three — including 2004 and 2010. It was the fourth world junior title overall for the Americans.

Canada outshot the Americans 31-28 in regulation and 17-7 in the 20-minute overtime, when U.S. goalie Tyler Parsons was spectacular and Canada's Carter Hart survived some hairy scrambles.

Canada stormed out in the

first period and took a two-goal lead.

Matt Barzal's pass on a three-man rush went off Joseph's stick to Chabot on the left side for a shot into an open net 4:38 into the game.

A long stretch of Canadian pressure led to Lauzon's goal at 9:02 as Adam Fox batted the puck into the slot with his hand and the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies defence-man fired it to the top corner past Parsons.

The Americans bounced back to start the second as Canada left the centre of its zone wide open for McAvoy to cruise in, take a

pass from Jordan Greenway and beat Hart glove side from the slot.

A too many men on the ice call against Canada allowed the U.S. to tie it at 9:30 as Bellows tipped a Fox point shot under the crossbar.

Bellows was sent off for kneeing Joseph 55 seconds into the third frame and Roy walked in on the left side and wired a high shot past Parsons at 1:52.

Joseph went briefly for treatment, but returned to take Michael McLeod's pass up the middle and score his first of the tournament on a breakaway at 4:05.

The Americans struck back 39 seconds later as Bellows one-timed a McAvoy pass from the right side and White evened the score at 7:07 when he redirected a Fox pass at the side of the net past Hart. THE CANADIAN PRESS



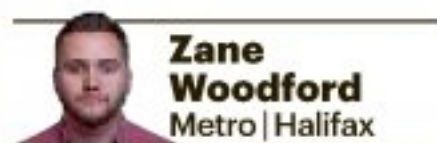
Team USA celebrates after its victory over Canada at the Bell Centre on Thursday night. MINAS PANAGIOTAKIS/GETTY IMAGES



NBL HURRICANES IMPROVE TO 4-0 The Halifax Hurricanes' Billy White, centre, gets around Cape Breton Highlanders Hank Thorns, left, and Austin Witter during NBL action at the Scotiabank Centre on Thursday night. C.J. Washington had 27 points and the Hurricanes won 103-86 to improve to 4-0. JEFF HARPER/METRO

QMJHL

Moose deal 'C' Ford for first rounder



The Herd will have to find a new leader.

The Halifax Mooseheads traded their captain, defence-man Taylor Ford, on Thursday along with a fourth-round draft pick in 2018 to Rouyn-Noranda for Huskies' first-rounder in 2018.

Ford had been captain since January 2016 and a Moosehead since being selected 38th overall by Halifax in 2013.

In a news release, general manager Cam Russell thanked

Ford "for his great contributions on and off the ice" and wished him luck in the future.

The Herd also dealt a ninth-round draft pick in 2017 and 16-year-old prospect Frederik Theoret to the Drummondville Voltigeurs for 20-year-old Frederic Aube.

The six-foot-one, 195-pound Aube, has scored four goals and 16 assists this season. He finished last season as the 13th highest scoring defenceman in the QMJHL.

The Mooseheads host the Moncton Wildcats on Friday as Nico Hischier returns from world junior duty with Switzerland.

NHL

Caps emphatically end Jackets' streak

Columbus delivered a clunker in its try for a historic win.

The Blue Jackets lost 5-0 to the Washington Capitals on Thursday night, ending their winning streak at 16 games, one shy of the NHL record.

Columbus lost for the first time since Nov. 26, ending a captivating run for coach John Tortorella's team that fell short of

the 1992-93 Pittsburgh Penguins' record of 17 consecutive wins.

The Capitals kept the Blue Jackets' league-leading power play off the board in five chances, and Daniel Winnik, John Carlson, Nate Schmidt, Andre Burakovsky and Justin Williams scored to chase goalie Sergei Bobrovsky.

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IN BRIEF

Homan handed another loss in Saskatchewan

Casey Scheidegger upset Rachel Homan 10-4 in the early afternoon draw Thursday at the Canadian Open.

Scheidegger, from Lethbridge, Alta., pulled even with three points in the fourth end. She tacked on three more points in the fifth end for a lead she wouldn't relinquish.

Homan, a two-time national champion from Ottawa, has lost both games at the triple-knockout Grand Slam event. She will next face Russia's Anna Sidorova.

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Lowry lifts Raps over Jazz

Kyle Lowry scored 16 of his 33 points in the fourth quarter to lift the Toronto Raptors 101-93 over the Utah Jazz on Thursday.

DeMar DeRozan added 23 points for the Raptors (24-11), who never led until the game's final three-and-a-half minutes. Jonas Valanciunas finished with 18 points and 13 rebounds, and Terrence Ross contributed 12 points.

Shelvin Mack had 17 points and Gordon Hayward added 16 for Utah (22-15). THE CANADIAN PRESS

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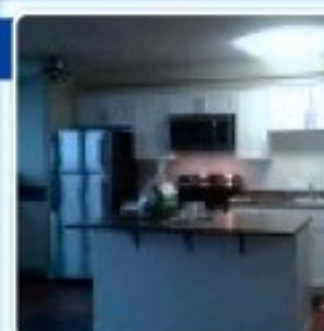
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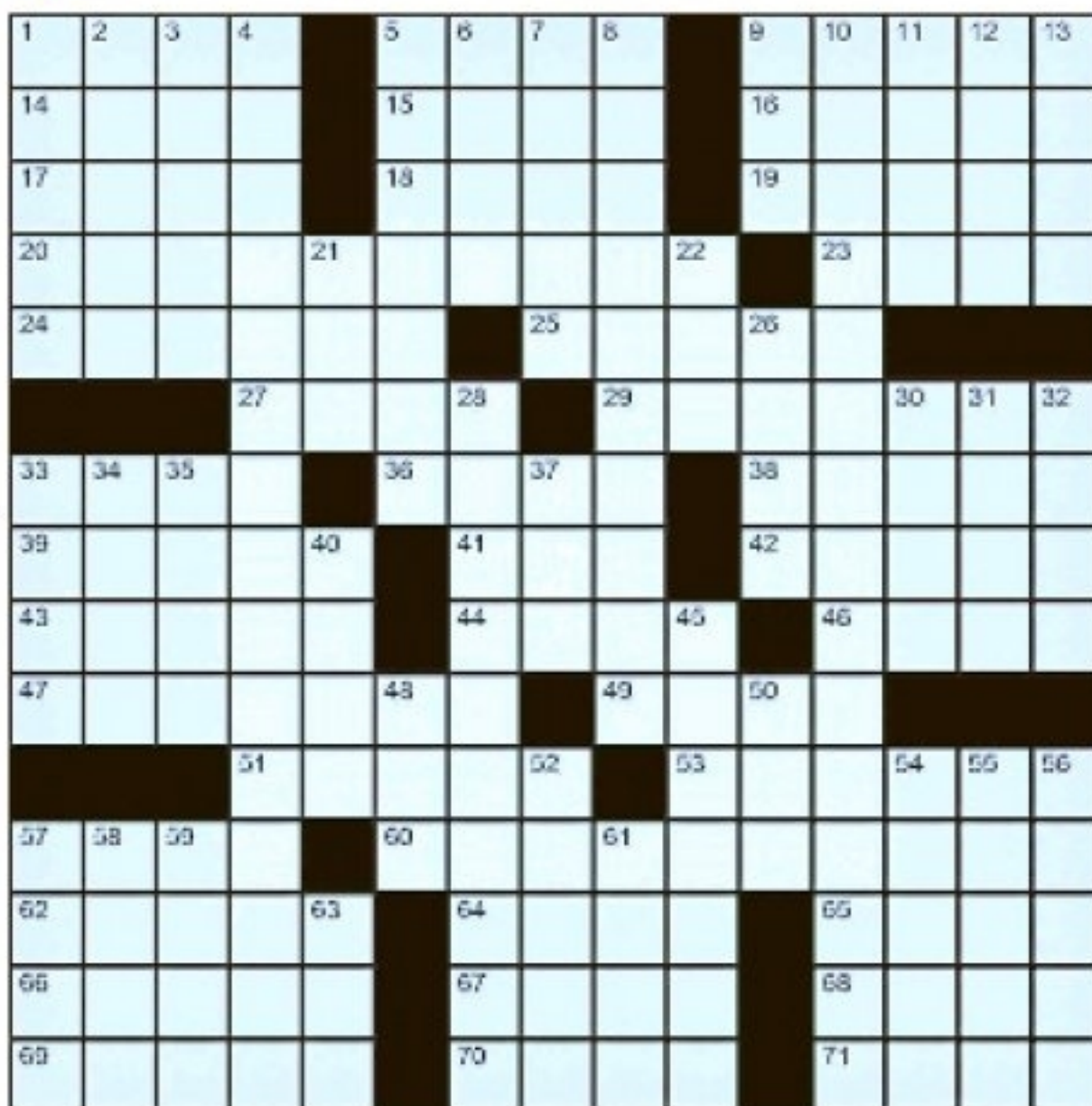
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69. Disagreeable sorts
70. Tal Bachman's " __ So High"
71. Dutch for 'city'

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- "Say that thou __ forsake me..." - Shakespeare
- Dickensian schemer Mr. Heep
- Ms. Pescow of "Saturday Night Fever" (1977)
- Achievement

such as the CN Tower: 2 wds.
5. __ breads (Hand-made loaves)
6. Ring loudly
7. __ New Guinea
8. Spa specialties
9. Li'l notices in newspapers
10. Alternatives to the

- Alfalfa ones: 2 wds.
11. 2017
12. Keep
13. Diving duck
21. Mr. Spacey, to pals
22. Shortened amount
26. " __ Here" by Beyonce
28. John Hancock', and others
30. Latvia's capital
31. Nero's 57
32. Computer company
33. Villainous group in the 'Star Trek' universe, The __
34. Solemnly affirm
35. Mr. Lugosi
37. Vox populi, vox __
40. Twinkler
45. Bond Girl, Ursula __
48. " __ Boot" (1981)
50. Canadian rocker, Melissa __ der Maur
52. Historical time
54. TV reporter from Kazakhstan in the movies
55. "Let It Go" singer Ms. Menzel
56. Visual arts univ. in Halifax
57. Breath mints, tic __
58. __ Bator, Mongolia
59. Puerto __
61. Knife part
63. Tel. book listings

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You might join forces with a boss or someone in a position of authority to introduce reforms and improvements to where you work. Why not run it up the flagpole to see if anyone salutes?

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Do not try to coerce others into agreeing with your politics or your religion today. Everyone is allowed to believe in what they want to believe in, including you.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
This is a poor day to discuss how to share or divide something, especially an inheritance. People are too passionate and too emotional.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Resist the urge to try to give a makeover to someone close to you. This person will not see your suggestions as improvements. Instead, he or she will hear them as criticisms.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Speak up with your ideas about how to improve your job or work environment. Someone might listen to you today. Who knows?

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Be patient with children today. Meanwhile, lovers will find that this is a passionate, memorable day! Oh yeah.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Family discussions will be intense today. You might want to deflect some of this energy into making repairs to the bathroom or anything to do with laundry, garbage and recycling.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your words are very persuasive today. That's why this is a strong day for those of you who sell, market and write.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be careful when shopping today, because you might become obsessed with needing to have something. This is not the right frame of mind for spending money.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Take a realistic look in the mirror today and ask yourself what you can do to improve your image. Why not look your best?

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Research will reveal secrets today, almost certainly. Deciding what to do with these secrets is your challenge. The most important thing is kindness. Do not harm others.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
A powerful friend might persuade you to change your goals today. Or perhaps you are the powerful friend persuading someone else. A healthy friendship allows for differences and respects them.

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